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SUB: ORTOLI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 149838, EC BRUSSELS 4503

1. THE EC COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING PRESS
RELEASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANNOUNCING PRESIDENT ORTOLI'S
VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON ON
OCTOBER 1:

BEGIN TEXT:

"PRESIDENT ORTOLI HAS BEEN INVITED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT
NIXON AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON OCTOBER 1, 1973. THIS MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE DURING PRESIDENT ORTOLI'S OFFICIAL VISIT
TO THE UNITED STATES FROM SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 2.

"DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT ORTOLI WILL ALSO
HAVE OTHER MEETINGS WITH HIGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS."
END TEXT.

2. ORTOLI'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED OUR PROMPT REACTION AND VIEWS
ON COORDINATING RELEASE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. ORTOLI PLANS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING (CONFIRMATION
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OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL FOLLOW LATER); EMILE NOEL, EC COMM-

SSION SECRETARY GENERAL; EDMUND WELLENSTEIN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS; BENIAMINO OLIVI, COMMISSION SPOKESMAN; PHILIPPE DE MARGERIE, ORTOLI'S CHEF DE CABINET; AND PIERRE VALVE, ORTOLI'S DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET.

4. DEPENDING ON DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE, ORTOLI IS PREPARED TO BRING HIS OWN INTERPRETER. (WHILE ORTOLI UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH, AN INTERPRETER WILL BE NECESSARY IN HIS DISCUSSIONS.)

5. ORTOLI PLANS TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FROM LONDON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK (TO VISIT HIS SISTER) UNTIL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 WHEN HE WILL PROCEED TO WASHINGTON, PROBABLY BEFORE LUNCH. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30. ORTOLI WILL DEPART FROM WASHINGTON FOR BRUSSELS ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2, OR ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3. WE WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE EXACT TRAVEL PLANS WHEN THEY ARE CONFIRMED. WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE NORMAL ARRIVAL COURTESIES FOR ORTOLI AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AT PORTS OF ENTRY.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ORTOLI'S BRINGING HIS OWN INTERPRETER.
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